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(BASED ON PCT/JP04/17600)

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LOW CARBON COMPOSITE FREE-

CUTTING STEEL PRODUCT EXCELLENT IN ROUGHNESS OF

FINISHED SURFACE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION

THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

FOR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.